

REMARKS

This Application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action mailed August 13, 2004. At the time of the Office Action, Claims 1-33 were pending in this Application. Claims 1-33 were rejected. Claims 1 and 18 have been amended to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and favorable action in this case.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 1-33 were rejected by the Examiner under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite and failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention. Applicant amends Claims 1 and 18 to overcome these rejections and respectfully requests full allowance of Claims 1-33 as amended.

Information Disclosure Statement

Applicant encloses an Information Disclosure Statement and PTO Form 1449, with a copy of the references on CD-ROM, and a check in the amount of \$180.00, for the Examiner's review and consideration.

Change of Correspondence Address

Applicant respectfully requests that all papers pertaining to the above-captioned patent application be directed to Customer No. 31625 and all telephone calls should be directed to Bruce W. Slayden II at 512.322.2606. Applicant also encloses a Change of Correspondence Address for the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office records.

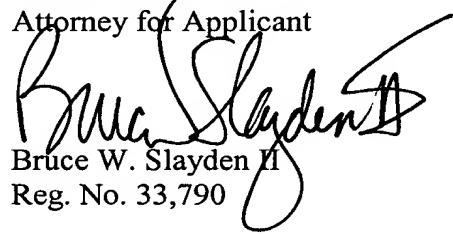
CONCLUSION

Applicant has now made an earnest effort to place this case in condition for allowance in light of the amendments and remarks set forth above. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of Claims 1-33 as amended.

Applicant believes there are no further fees due, however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-2148 of Baker Botts L.L.P.

If there are any matters concerning this Application that may be cleared up in a telephone conversation, please contact Applicant's attorney at 512.322.2606.

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